(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the outcome thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHAND BHAI SHAH): (a) to (c) Government have not received any enquiry from the multinational financing institutions regarding alleged concealment of production capacities by the country's urea and ammonia plants. As such, the question of re-action of the Government to any such enquiry does not arise.

Increase in the prices of Vanaspati

1138. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the steep rise in the prices of Vanaspati and edible oils recently;

(b) whether it is a fact that the prices of Vanaspati have gone up by 70 per cent in the last Calender year and by 35 per cent during the last four months;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to bring down the prices?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The wholesale price increase of Vanaspati exhibited a rise of 37.6 per cent in the last calender year and 7.3 per cent during the last four months. The wholesale prices of Vanaspati during the last four months (month ending) are as under:

(Rs./15 kg. Tin).

End of month	Wholesale price of Vanaspati/Delhi
February, 1990 .	386
November, 1990 .	495
December, 1990 .	495
January, 1991 .	575
February, 1991 .	531

(d) Some of the steps taken by the Government to bring down the prices include granting of excise rebate on use of non-conventional oils in Vanaspati, reduction of stock limits of edible oilseeds, and oils by dealers/processors and manufacturers of edible oils, permitting blending of conventional edible oils with non-conventional oils etc. State Governments have also been asked to undertake strict actions against hoarders, black-marketeers in edible oilseeds and oils. Distribution of imported edible oils through Public Distribution System at reasonable price is continuing.

Delhi Urban Arts Commission

1139. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main objectives in setting up the Delhi Urban Arts Commission;

(b) whether any review of the functioning of the Delhi Urban Arts Commission has been made to know how far it has achieved the objectives for which it was set up;

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the inadequacies in its functioning identified; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to move in the matter?